HOUSE No. 2920

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Emile J. Goguen and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to review regulations governing assisted living facilities in the Commonwealth. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Emile J. Goguen Douglas W. Petersen Ruth B. Balser Susan C. Tucker Robert M. Koczera Gloria L. Fox

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO CREATE AN ASSISTED LIVING MODERNIZATION COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The Governor shall appoint a special commission to analyze
- 2 the regulation of assisted living facilities in the commonwealth,
- 3 which shall be composed of the Secretary of Elder Affairs, who
- 4 shall serve as Chair, the Commissioner of Public Health, the
- 5 House and Senate chairs of the Joint Committee on Human Serv-
- 6 ices and Elderly Affairs and of the Joint Committee on Health
- 7 Care, one individual nominated by the Massachusetts Assisted
- 8 Living Facilities Association, one individual nominated by Local
- 9 209 of the Service Employees Industrial Union, one individual
- 10 nominated by MassAging, one individual nominated by the
- 11 Massachusetts Extended Care Federation and two residents of a
- 12 facility licensed under M.G.L.c. 19D. Said nominations shall be
- 13 submitted to the office of the Governor no later than sixty days
- 14 from the date of the effective date hereof and shall first meet in a
- 15 location to be chosen by the Chair no later than sixty days there-
- 16 after. The commission shall issue a report containing its recom-
- 17 mendations, including any proposed legislation or regulations it

- deems advisable, no later than 180 days following its first meeting and shall submit said report and draft legislation or regulations to the Joint Committee on Human Services and Elderly Affair